

# *Minutes*

## New Harmony Bicentennial Commission

September 18, 2012

6:00 p.m. Thrall's Opera House

### **Present:**

Co-Chairperson	Ray McConnell
Co-Chairperson	Connie Weinzapfel
American Legion	Charles Huck
Community Member	David Flanders
Art Galleries of New Harmony	Maggie Rapp
Charles Ford Home	Vicki Campbell
Garden Club of New Harmony	Paul Allison
Friends of WMI	Jeanne Maudlin
Harmonie Associates	Donna Creek
Historic New Harmony	Christine Crews
New Harmony Artist's Guild	Chris Layer
New Harmony Businesses Assoc.	Laura Nicholson & Lora Arneberg
New Harmony Interpreters Assoc.	Becky Smyth
New Harmony Kiwanis	Marcia Lange
New Harmony Town Council	Linda Warrum (Alt.)
New Harmony Town Council President	David Campbell
Parks & Recreation/Tree Board	Johnathan Scott
Public Relations	Karen Walker
Ribeyre Gym Restoration Group	Addison Lange
Under the Beams	Liz Mumford
University of Southern Indiana	Ed Jones
Workingmen's Institute	Nathan Maudlin
Executive Assistant	Jan Kahle

### ***Organizations without a representative attending:***

Masonic Lodge	Tom Straw
New Harmony School Corporation/Alumni	Rick Johnson
Posey County Commissioners	Ann Greenfield
Harmonie State Park	Jim Gray
Tri-Kappa	Rita Reynolds
Blaffer Foundation	Jim Sanders
New Harmony Ministerial Assoc.	Phyllis Westfall
Red Geranium	Judy Alsop
Planning/Preservation Committee	Mickey Grimm

The New Harmony Bicentennial Commission met on September 18, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at Thrall's Opera House. Co-chairperson, Connie Weinzapfel, called the meeting to order. The minutes from the June, 2012, meeting were approved as corrected.

Reports from the various representatives followed:

1. New Harmony Town Council
  - a. Linda Warrum reported nothing new.
2. Planning and Historic Preservation
  - a. No representative attended.
3. The Parks Board reported that 162 trees have been planted to date and they are discussing what kind of tree to plant as the Bicentennial Tree.
4. Workingmen's Institute
  - a. Nathan Maudlin reported that they are considering an outdoor sculpture.
  - b. Also reported that several Stephen Pace paintings have been donated to the WMI and will be on exhibit there for the Bicentennial.
5. Friends of the Workingmen's Institute
  - a. Jeanne Maudlin reported that they have started an oral history program for their Bicentennial project. This project will continue through 2014 and possibly beyond. All tapes will be available in the WMI.
  - b. During Capstone Week, the Friends of the WMI and Historic New Harmony will sponsor a speaker.
6. Blaffer Foundation
  - a. No representative attended.
7. USI
  - a. Ed Jones distributed a list of USI projects.
8. New Harmony Business Association
  - a. Laura Nicholson reported that the NHBA will be involved in the creation and installation of a welcome sign at the east end of town. Karen Walker is working with Laura on this project.
9. Red Geranium Enterprises
  - a. No representative attended but it was reported that they have offered help wherever needed.
10. Art Galleries
  - a. Maggie Rapp reported that the art galleries are working on a calendar with paintings of New Harmony. She has checked with local printers and Quik Copy could produce 1,000 for @\$6,700. She is still waiting for estimates for other companies. The calendar will have the dates of Bicentennial events highlighted, along with important dates in New Harmony history. Nathan Maudlin suggested getting it printed in time to use as promotion. There was discussion as to the numbers of calendars that should be printed. No decision was made.
11. Tri Kappa
  - a. No representative attended but it was reported that the Tri Kappa will coordinate the Bicentennial parade on Saturday, August 9, 2014.
12. Kiwanis

- a. Marcia Lange reported that plans for the Kiwanis Kids' Day on Saturday, August 2, 2014, are progressing. There will be activities for all ages.
  - b. It was suggested that the Historic New Harmony interpretative staff could volunteer to help and coordinate games. There will be games from 200 years ago as well as contemporary games.
  - c. The Kiwanis are also interested in using the Bicentennial Logo for a wooden commemorative coin.
- 13. American Legion
  - a. Charles Huck reported that the Legion will have a color guard for the parade and possibly a float.
  - b. On August 9 and November 8, 2014, the Legion will have an Open House and a free breakfast.
  - c. The Legion will also be open more throughout 2014.
- 14. RGRG
  - a. Planning the 5K run for August 2, 2014.
- 15. New Harmony Artist's Guild
  - a. Robert Owen quotation plaques are being created.
  - b. Chris Layer, alternate representative for the NHAG and representative for the New Harmony Music School and Festival, reported that current plans are to have the school and festival July 6-12, 2014. There will be a choral/orchestra program with Harmonist and period music.
- 16. New Harmony Garden Club
  - a. Paul Allison reported that the New Harmony Garden Club had received a \$2,000 grant from USI for Red Bud Park project.
  - b. The installation at Red Bud Park will be in the spring of 2013 and will involve USI faculty & students, as well as community volunteers.
  - c. Thanks to Linda Warrum and the New Harmony Town Board, there was no expense in removing the trees at the park.
  - d. The new trees will be planted where the old trees were planted.
  - e. Representatives from the New Harmony Garden Club will meet with artist Amy Brier on October 5 to discuss the design of a sculpture at the park. The Bicentennial logo is being considered as a design.
  - f. Golf cart garden tours will be available throughout 2014.
- 17. New Harmony Ministerial Association
  - a. No representative attended, but it was reported that they will coordinate and sponsor the two community church services at the Roofless Church on August 3 and 10, 2014.
- 18. Harmonie Associates
  - a. Donna Creek reported that Harmonie Associates will provide financial support.
- 19. New Harmony Alumni Association
  - a. No representative attended.
- 20. Posey County Commissioners
  - a. No representative attended.
- 21. Masonic Lodge
  - a. No representative attended
- 22. New Harmony Interpreters Association

- a. Becky Smyth reported that all is on track for the Maximillian lectures and projects for April 2 & 3, 2014.
- 23. Harmonie State Park
  - a. No representative attended.
- 24. Ford Home
  - a. Vicki Campbell reported that they have planned an Open House for August 9, 2012.
- 25. Under the Beams
  - a. Liz Mumford reported that the Solid Gold Concert is a go.
  - b. She and Rita Reynolds are planning a performance for August 1, 2014, featuring local musicians.
  - c. Liz is now teaching at North Posey Junior High School and has been in touch with Tracy Welsh in the drama department and she has expressed interest in working on the Bicentennial Pageant.
  - d. Liz also suggested that the 2014 Pageant be recorded and shown at Thrall's Opera House in the future.

### Legacy Projects

The following projects are considered possible legacy projects:

1. Red Bud Park
  - a. See above on the progress of this project.
2. Bicentennial House
  - a. USI faculty & students to present the final construction drawings to the Town Board in November
3. Boatload of Knowledge Reproduction
  - a. Mick McConnell has spoken to builders and will have more information regarding costs at a later date.
4. Atheneum Exhibit
  - a. Connie Weinzapfel presented a power point on the changes proposed and hopes that Phase 1 of the project will be done by the Bicentennial.
5. Amphitheatre at Murphy Park
  - a. Mick McConnell is having some preliminary drawings prepared.
  - b. It is hoped that the NHS Alumni Association will sponsor this project.
6. Welcome Sign at east end of town
  - a. Karen Walker and Laura Nicholson are working on the details
7. Bicentennial Musical Composition
  - a. Phillip Hagemann has been contracted to write this composition
8. Planting of 200 trees
  - a. See above on the progress of this project
9. Trails Completion
  - a. Mick McConnell reported that this will be done in 2013. There is already money for this project.

#### 10. The Third Experiment

- a. Nathan Maudlin presented a power point with the idea of a use for the former New Harmony School building. His idea is to give the building to a for profit company that follows certain criteria. This project was tabled for a future discussion.

#### Other Items Discussed:

Jan Kahle will contact North Posey School Corporation as to their participation in the Bicentennial.

A Bicentennial Plan must be presented to the Town Board in January, 2013. To meet this deadline, the Steering Committee and the Commission will be meeting every month. The Steering Committee will meet September 25, October 30, November 27 and December 18. The Commission will meet on October 16, November 20 and December 11. The Steering Committee will formulate a plan and submit it to the Commission for approval. The approved plan will be presented to the Town Board.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Annex.